

In order to assign points for any ranking criteria item, the practice must meet NRCS FOTG Standards, and must be planned on the offered acreage. See the 2003 WHIP Guidance document for detailed practice criteria requirements.

WORKSHEET 1

White blocks indicate data entry locations. **Blue blocks** show automatic calculations or entries.

Abbreviations:

AC = Number of acres covered by the practice

CSG = Cool Season Grasses

LF = Number of Linear Feet of the practice

MAX = Maximum % of cost share

NO = Number of practices to be applied

NTE = Not To Exceed

RF = Number of Row Feet of the practice.

WHDP = Wildlife Habitat Development Plan

WSG = Warm Season Grasses

Definitions:

Application No: Use the 3-digit County code, followed by the number of the applicant for the county, followed by 2003. For example, the first WHIP applicant for Marion County would be: 097-1-2003, followed by 097-2-2003, etc.

Amount: Enter the number of units of the planned practice. **NOTE:** for the **Fencing** Practice, AC refers to the total number of acres protected by the fence, and LF refers to total number of Linear Feet of fence to be installed.

NTE \$/Unit: This column shows the maximum amount of Cost Share that will be paid to a land owner per unit of practice installed. For example, a land owner will only get a maximum of \$200 Cost Share for each acre of Contour Buffer installed regardless of how much it costs to install that practice.

Offered: Enter % of Cost Share the landowner is willing to accept for implementing the WHDP if less than 75%. The % could also be reduced if a conservation partner contributes more than 25% of the total project cost. **NOTE:** IF Cost Share is less than 75%, P7 of the Priorities Worksheet automatically increase the total point score.

Total Cost: Enter the total cost of the planned practice. The built in functions will calculate the NRCS cost share amount(s).

PRIORITIES WORKSHEET:

The ranking score will increase based upon answers to questions P1 - P7 (Statewide Ranking Priorities). The built in calculations will multiply the "Practice Point Subtotal" by the appropriate multipliers and generate the Applicant's Total Score.

COMMENTS: